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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Air Systems Division, EL

SUBJECT : New "B" Recorder for IDEALIST

REFERENCE : 0360

1. The reference notes the deficiencies in the recorder furnished for use with the System 17. We feel it is quite pertinent to the discussions we have had with you previously regarding your proposed contract with , for the new "B" recorder for IDEALIST.

2. Although some of the deficiencies found in the M-14 recorder can be attributed to poor packaging, the rest of them certainly demonstrate a less than adequate standard of quality control, if not poor systems engineering.

3. We again express our misgivings, as we have done verbally before, regarding a contract with Inc. for the "B" recorder replacement. We are particularly concerned by the fact that must sub-contract for the record heads and for the playback system.

Chief, Communications & Field
Electronics Division
OSA-DD/S&T

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